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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : David Allison Bennett, et al.  
Application No. : 09/684,871  
Filed : October 6, 2000  
Title : APPARATUS, SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR ONLINE,  
MULTI-CARRIER, MULTI-SERVICE PARCEL SHIPPING  
MANAGEMENT FEATURING SHIPPING LOCATION  
COMPARISON ACROSS MULTIPLE CARRIERS  
Grp./Div. : 3629  
Examiner : Thompson, Michael M.  
Docket No. : PSTM0003/MRK

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE  
TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 7, 2010**

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This Amendment and Response is filed in response to the Office Action, dated December 7, 2010, regarding the above-identified application. The Office Action set a three-month period for reply, namely, until March 7, 2011. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment and Response is timely filed within the three-month reply period set by the Office Action because it is filed before the expiration of March 7, 2011. Further examination of the application in view of the Amendments and the Response and Remarks below is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Response and Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.